Mr. Ramaswami.—

With reference to Section 5, is it not one of the conditions in the Sannad that the bridge should be maintained in good condition by the Jahgirdar?

Dewan.—

Government cannot at this stage commit themselves to an opinion in this matter and there is no use pressing Government for a definite answer. It is better to leave the matter there for the present.

BY MESSRS. MAYI GOWDA and SIDDE GOWDA,—(T.-Narsipur Rural).—

Q.—8. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(1) What was the amount sanctioned for the construction of the bridge across the Kapila and the Cauvery near T.-Narsipur, during the year 1924-25?

(2) What was the expenditure out of the sanctioned amount?

(3) What is the balance available?

(4) What is the amount of expenditure incurred for investigation, experiment, etc., in this connection?

(5) Why was the work stopped after the boring operations?

(6) When will the construction work of the bridge commence?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.—

A.—8. (1) No detailed estimates have yet been sanctioned for the work.

(2) No expenditure has yet been incurred on the work.

(3) No reply is necessary in view of replies to (1) and (2) above.

(4) A sum of Rs. 2,840 has so far been spent on this account.

(5) Being an important work, estimates are still under preparation and are expected to be ready soon.

(6) Work will commence as soon as the detailed estimates are sanctioned.

Supplementary Questions.

Mr. S. Krishnaswami Rao.—

What time will it take Government to take up the work?

Dewan.—

No allotment is made in this year's budget. The Government have got several bridge works on hand and as such, the question has to be considered at the next budget session.

Mr. Krishnaswami Rao.—

Will it be possible to make provision for this work in the next year's budget?

Dewan.—

Government cannot give an answer now as they must see what the condition of their finance would be at the time.

Mr. Linge Gowda.—

Are the Government aware that for the last few years, the District Board has been providing their quota for this work and every year, the amount is lapsing for want of Government contribution?

Dewan.—

This is a very large project and special care has to be bestowed on it. So many things have to be taken into consideration before Government could provide any sum for it. For the present, estimates are under preparation.

Mr. Murugesam.—

Are the Government watching the progress of work in this connection?

Dewan.—

They do. But they have not maintained a calendar in this respect.

Mr. S. C. Mallayya.—

Are the Government aware that for want of the bridge in the locality, many lives have been lost during the recent floods?

Dewan.—

Government have realised the difficulty and that is why estimates are under preparation for the work.

Mr. Mayi Gowda.—

How long will it take to prepare the estimates?

Dewan.—

As early as possible.

BY MR. M. C. LAKSHMIPATHIAH (Jain Education Fund Association, Mysore).—

Q.—9. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(1) The total number of Jaina pupils that were studying in the Government and Aided Schools and Colleges of the Province in the year 1920-21 and in the subsequent years (districtwar) up to date.

(2) The total number of applications received from Jaina candidates annually for Backward Class Scholarships from the year 1920-21 and the total number and the value of scholarships awarded (districtwar).

(3) The total annual expenditure on scholarships for each backward community from the year 1920-21 up to date.

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—9. (1), (2) and (3) The information is not available. It will be compiled and furnished when available.

Supplementary Questions.

Mr. Lakshmipathiah.—

How long will it take to compile the information required?

Dewan.—

It is not possible to say. As soon as it is ready, it will be sent to you. It may be possible to give the information before the next June Session.